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AS P38 KINASE INHIBITORS**

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Related Applications

- 5 This application claims priority from US provisional patent application serial no. 60/463,467, filed April 16, 2003, incorporated herein by reference in full.

Field of the Invention

- The present invention relates to certain quinazoline compounds useful as p38 protein
10 kinase inhibitors. In particular, the present invention relates to 2-amino-6-phenoxy substituted
quinazoline compounds, pharmaceutical preparations comprising the same, and methods for using
them.

Background of the Invention

- 15 Mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAP) are a family of proline-directed serine/threonine
kinases that activate their substrates by dual phosphorylation. The kinases are activated by a
variety of signals, including nutritional and osmotic stress, UV light, growth factors, endotoxin,
and inflammatory cytokines. One group of MAP kinases is the p38 kinase group which includes
various isoforms (*e.g.*, p38 α , p39 β , p38 γ and p38 δ). The p38 kinases are responsible for
20 phosphorylating and activating transcription factors (as well as other kinases), and are themselves
activated by physical and chemical stress, pro-inflammatory cytokines, and bacterial
lipopolysaccharide.

- More importantly, the products of the p38 phosphorylation have been shown to mediate
the production of inflammatory cytokines, including TNF, IL-1, IL-6, and cyclooxygenase-2
25 (COX-2). Each of these cytokines has been implicated in numerous disease states and conditions.
For example, TNF- α is a cytokine produced primarily by activated monocytes and macrophages.
Excessive or unregulated production of TNF- α has been implicated as playing a causative role in
the pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis. More recently, inhibition of TNF production has been
shown to have broad application in the treatment of inflammatory conditions, inflammatory bowel
30 disease, Alzheimer's disease, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis, and asthma.

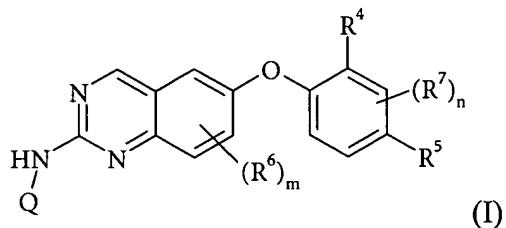
Additionally, TNF has been implicated in viral infections, such as HIV, influenza virus, and herpes virus, including herpes simplex virus type-1 (HSV-1), herpes simplex virus type-2 (HSV-2), cytomegalovirus (CMV), varicella-zoster virus (VZV), Epstein-Barr virus, human herpes virus-6 (HHV-6), human herpes virus-7 (HHV-7), human herpes virus-8 (HHV-8),
5 pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis, among others.

Similarly, IL-1 is produced by activated monocytes and macrophages and plays a role in many pathophysiological responses including rheumatoid arthritis, fever and reduction of bone resorption.

The inhibition of these cytokines by inhibition of the p38 kinase would be beneficial in
10 controlling, reducing and alleviating many of these disease states. p38 MAP kinase inhibitors have demonstrated efficacy in several disease models including arthritis and other joint diseases, sepsis, stroke, myocardial injury, respiratory inflammatory diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma, and a wide range of inflammatory conditions. The present invention provides certain 2-amino-6-phenoxy substituted quinazoline compounds useful in
15 inhibiting p38 kinase. US patent application Serial No. _____ (Attorney Docket R0164B-Reg), filed concomitantly herewith and assigned to the present assignee, discloses 2-amino-6-phenoxy substituted 7-aza-quinazoline compounds useful as p38 kinase inhibitors, and the entire contents of said application is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

20 **Summary of the Invention**

The present invention is directed to compounds having the Formula (I):



25 and isomers, prodrugs, and pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

Q is -C(R¹R²R³);

R¹ is hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkoxyalkyl;

R² and R³ are selected:

(i) independently from:

- (a) hydrogen, provided that if R¹ is hydrogen, only one of R² and R³ may be hydrogen;
- (b) alkyl;
- 5 (c) alkyl substituted with one, two, or three of halogen, cyano, -OR⁸, -SR⁸, -C(=O)R⁸, -C(O)₂R⁸, -C(=O)NR⁸R⁹, -S(O)_pR¹⁰, -C(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, -S(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, and/or -NR⁸R⁹;
- (d) -OR⁸, -SR⁸, -C(=O)R⁸, -C(O)₂R⁸, -C(=O)NR⁸R⁹, -S(O)_pR¹⁰, -C(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, and -S(O)₂NR⁸R⁹;
- 10 (e) cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkylalkyl, substituted cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and substituted heterocycloalkyl;

or alternatively,

- (ii) R² and R³ are taken together to form an optionally-substituted cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl ring;

R⁴ and R⁵ are each independently hydrogen, halogen, cyano, haloalkyl, or haloalkoxy, provided R⁴ and R⁵ are not both hydrogen;

R⁶ may be attached to carbon atoms C5, C7, and/or C8 of the quinazoline ring, and when attached to carbon atom C5 is lower alkyl and when attached to C7 and/or C8 is independently selected from alkyl, halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, alkylamino, and alkyl substituted with one to two of halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, amino, and/or alkylamino;

R⁷ is attached to any available carbon atom of the phenyl ring and at each occurrence is independently alkyl, substituted alkyl, halogen, cyano, alkoxy, and haloalkoxy;

25 R⁸ and R⁹ are (i) each independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or substituted heterocyclyl; or (ii) when R⁸ and R⁹ are attached to the same nitrogen atom (as in -C(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, -S(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, and -NR⁸R⁹), R⁸ and R⁹ may be taken together to form an optionally-substituted heterocyclyl ring;

30 R¹⁰ is alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or substituted heterocyclyl;

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

n is 0, 1 or 2; and

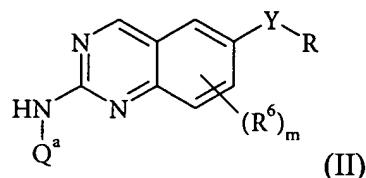
p is 1 or 2.

Also provided are pharmaceutical compositions containing at least one compound

5 according to Formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a method of treating a p38-mediated disorder in a patient comprising administering to the patient in need of treatment thereof, a therapeutically-effective amount of at least one compound having the Formula (II):

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and/or isomers, prodrugs, and/or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

Q^a is selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, heteroalkyl, or an optionally-substituted cycloalkyl or
15 heterocyclic ring, provided that *Q* is not arylalkyl or heteroarylalkyl;

Y is -O-, -S-, or -NR' -, wherein *R'* is hydrogen, lower alkyl, or lower alkyl substituted with
OH;

R is alkyl, substituted alkyl, or optionally-substituted aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl;
R⁶ may be attached to carbon atoms C5, C7, and/or C8 of the quinazoline ring, and when attached

20 to C5 is lower alkyl and when attached to carbon atoms C7 and/or C8 of the quinazoline
ring at each occurrence is independently selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, halogen,
cyano, nitro, hydroxy, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl,
substituted heterocyclyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl; and

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

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Detailed Description of the Invention

Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the instant specification and claims, unless
5 otherwise specifically indicated.

As used herein, the term “alkyl” means a linear or branched, saturated monovalent hydrocarbon moiety of one to eight carbon atoms (preferably one to six carbon atoms), *e.g.*, methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, 2-propyl, *tert*-butyl, pentyl, and the like. “Lower alkyl” means an alkyl of one to four carbon atoms. When a subscript is used herein following a carbon atom, the subscript
10 refers to the number of carbon atoms the named group may contain. Thus, for example, C₁₋₄-alkyl means an alkyl of one to four carbon atoms (*i.e.*, lower alkyl) including methyl, ethyl, propyl, iso-propyl, butyl, and *tert*-butyl.

“Alkylene” means a linear or branched, saturated divalent hydrocarbon moiety of one to eight (preferably one to six) carbon atoms, *e.g.*, methylene, ethylene, propylene, and the like.

15 When reference is made to an alkylene linker group, as in -Y-S(O)₂R, -Y-C(O)₂NRR,
-Y-S(O)₂NRR, and so forth, wherein Y is alkylene, it should be understood that the alkylene may be a straight or branched-chain alkylene, and the referenced substituent may be attached to any carbon atom of the alkylene straight or branched chain. Thus, for example, the group
-Y-S(O)₂R, may include, without limitation, -CH₂-S(O)₂R, -CH₂-CH[S(O)₂R]-CH₃,
20 -CH₂-CH{CH₂CH [S(O)₂R]CH₃}CH₃, and so forth.

When the term “alkyl” is used as a suffix following another term, as in “phenylalkyl,” or “hydroxyalkyl,” this is intended to refer to an alkyl group, as defined above, being substituted with one or more (preferably one) substituent selected from the other, specifically-named group. Thus, “phenylalkyl” includes benzyl, phenylethyl, 2-phenylbutyl, and so forth. “Hydroxyalkyl” includes
25 2-hydroxyethyl, 1-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropyl, 3,4-dihydroxybutyl, and so forth.

Accordingly, as used herein, the term “hydroxyalkyl” is used to define a subset of heteroalkyl groups defined below. In the case of a “substituted cycloalkylalkyl,” this is intended to refer to an alkyl group, as defined above, being substituted with one to two substituted cycloalkyl groups, as defined below, and likewise, a “substituted heterocycloalkylalkyl” refers to an alkyl group, as defined above, being substituted with one to two substituted heterocyclyl groups, as defined below.

The term “substituted alkyl” refers to an alkyl group as defined above having one, two, three, or four substituents (preferably one to two), independently selected from the group consisting of halo, haloalkoxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano, nitro, $-OR^a$, $-SR^a$, $-S(O)R^c$, $-S(O)_2R^c$, $-C(=O)R^a$, $-C(=O)NR^aR^b$, $-C(O)_2R^a$, $-C(O)_2NR^aR^b$, $-S(O)_2NR^aR^b$, $-NR^aR^b$, aryl, substituted 5 aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and/or substituted heterocyclyl, wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl, and R^c is selected from C_{1-6} -alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl, and each of R^a , R^b , and R^c in turn is optionally substituted with one, 10 two, or three of alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyano, amino, alkylamino, $SO_2(alkyl)$, CO_2H , $CO_2(alkyl)$, $C(=O)H$, and/or $C(=O)alkyl$, and/or a C_{1-4} alkyl substituted with one to two of halo, hydroxy, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyano, amino, alkylamino, $-SO_2(alkyl)$, CO_2H , $CO_2(alkyl)$, $C(=O)H$, and/or $C(=O)alkyl$.

“Alkoxy” refers to the group OR' , wherein R' is alkyl or substituted alkyl. A “lower alkoxy” is a group $-OR'$ wherein R' is C_{1-4} alkyl.

15 “Alkoxycarbonyl” refers to the group $COOR'$, wherein R' is alkyl or substituted alkyl as defined above.

“Alkylsulfonyl” refers to the group $-S(O)_2R'$, wherein R' is alkyl or substituted alkyl as defined above.

When the term “oxy” is used as a suffix following another specifically-named group, as in 20 “aryloxy”, “heteroaryloxy,” or “arylalkyloxy”, this means that an oxygen atom is present as a linker to the other, specifically-named group. Thus, for example, “aryloxy” refers to the group $-O-R$, wherein R is aryl; “heteroaryloxy” refers to the group $-O-R'$, wherein R' is heteroaryl; and “arylalkyloxy” refers to the group $-O-R''$, wherein R'' is arylalkyl such as benzyl. Similarly, a “substituted aryloxy” means the group $-O-R$, wherein R is substituted aryl, and a “substituted 25 heteroaryloxy” means the group $-O-R'$, wherein R' is substituted heteroaryl.

“Amino” refers to the group NH_2 . Thus, an aminoalkyl refers to an alkyl group having an amino substituent, *e.g.*, $-CH_2-NH_2$, $-CH_2-CH_2-NH_2$, $-CH_2-CH(NH_2)-CH_3$, and so forth. An alkylamino refers to monoalkylamino groups having the formula $-NHR$, as well as dialkylamino groups having the formula $-NRR$, wherein each R is independently alkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, or an alkyl substituted with one to two groups selected from halo, haloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, cyano, amino, $SO_2(alkyl)$, CO_2H , 30

$\text{CO}_2(\text{alkyl})$, $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{H}$, and/or $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{alkyl}$. Accordingly, an alkylaminoalkyl refers to an alkyl group substituted by one to two of $-\text{NHR}$ and/or $-\text{NRR}$, wherein each R is as defined immediately above. A “lower aminoalkyl” refers to a group $-\text{NHR}'$ or $-\text{NR}'\text{R}'$, wherein each R' is $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$.

When reference is made herein to a carboxamide group $-\text{CO}_2\text{NRR}$ (e.g., as in
5 $-\text{C}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9$), it should be understood this is intended to refer to the group $-\text{O}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{NRR}..$

The term “aryl” refers to a monovalent, monocyclic or bicyclic moiety in which at least one of the rings is an aromatic, carbocyclic moiety. Thus, the term “aryl” includes phenyl, 1-naphthyl, and 2-naphthyl. The term “aryl” also includes phenyl rings having fused thereto a second non-aromatic carbocyclic ring, or a heteroaryl or heterocyclic ring such as benzothienyl,

10 benzopyrazolyl, benzopiperadinyl, benzocyclohexyl, and the like, with the understanding, however, that the point of attachment will be to the phenyl ring.

A “substituted aryl” is an aryl group as defined above having one or more (preferably one, two, or three) substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro, $-\text{Y-R}^p$, $-\text{Y-aryl}$, $-\text{Y-heteroaryl}$, $-\text{Y-cycloalkyl}$, $-\text{Y-heterocyclyl}$, $-\text{Y-OR}^p$,

15 $-\text{Y-NR}^p\text{R}^q$, $-\text{Y-C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^p$, $-\text{Y-C(O)}_2\text{R}^p$, $-\text{Y-C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^p\text{R}^q$, $-\text{Y-C(O)}_2\text{NR}^p\text{R}^q$, $-\text{Y-S(O)}_{0-2}\text{R}^p$,
 $-\text{Y-NRS(O)}_2\text{R}^q$, $-\text{Y-S(O)}_2\text{NR}^p\text{R}^q$, and/or $-\text{Y-NRC}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^p\text{R}^q$, where Y is absent or a C_{1-4} -alkylene group, R is hydrogen, lower alkyl, or hydroxy- $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$, and R^p and R^q are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl, except when said substituent is $-\text{YS(O)}_{1-2}\text{R}^p$ or $-\text{Y-NRS(O)}_2\text{R}^p$, then R^p in these instances is not hydrogen. In each
20 instance, each of R^p and/or R^q in turn is optionally substituted with one to two of alkyl, halo, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, $-\text{SO}_2(\text{alkyl})$, CO_2H , $\text{CO}_2(\text{alkyl})$, $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{H}$, and/or $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{alkyl}$. A preferred group of aryl substituents are those selected from alkyl, haloalkyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, alkylamino, haloalkoxy and alkoxy. Within this group, especially preferred aryl substituents are halo, alkyl, and alkoxy. More specifically, the term “substituted aryl” includes, but is not limited to, fluorophenyl, difluorophenyl, chlorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, and the like.

The term “carbocyclic” means a cyclic moiety in which all ring atoms are carbon atoms, including saturated, partially unsaturated, and unsaturated rings.

30 The term “cycloalkyl” as used herein refers to saturated or partially unsaturated, monovalent, monocyclic carbocyclic moieties of three to seven ring carbon atoms and further includes such rings having a carbon-carbon bridge of one, two, or three bridgehead carbon atoms,

and/or having a second ring fused thereto, with the understanding that said second fused ring may be a non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring in which case the point of attachment will be to the non-aromatic carbocyclic ring moiety. Thus, the term "cycloalkyl" includes such rings as cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexenyl, and the like. Additionally, 5 one or two carbon atoms of a cycloalkyl group may optionally contain a carbonyl oxygen group, e.g., one or two atoms in the ring may be a moiety of the formula -C(=O)-.

A "substituted cycloalkyl" is a cycloalkyl group as defined above having one, two, or three substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro, -Y-R^s, -Y-cycloalkyl, -Y-heterocyclyl, -Y-OR^s, -Y-NR^sR^t, -Y-C(=O)R^s, -Y-C(O)₂R^s, 10 -Y-C(=O)NR^sR^t, -Y-C(O)₂NR^sR^t, -Y-S(O)₀₋₂R^s, -Y-NRS(O)₂R^s, -Y-S(O)₂NR^sR^t, and/or -Y-NRC(=O)NR^sR^t, wherein Y is absent or a C₁₋₄alkylene group, R is hydrogen, lower alkyl, or hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, and R^s and R^t are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, and heterocyclyl, except when said substituent is -YS(O)₁₋₂R^s or -Y-NRS(O)₂R^s, then R^s in these instances is not hydrogen. In each instance, each of R^s and/or R^t in turn is optionally substituted 15 with one to two of lower alkyl, halo, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkyl, -SO₂(alkyl), CO₂H, CO₂(alkyl), C(=O)H, and/or C(=O)alkyl. Preferred substituents for substituted cycloalkyl groups include -(alkylene)_n-hydroxy, -(alkylene)_n-lower alkoxy, -(alkylene)_n-S(O)₂(lower alkyl), and -(alkylene)_n-CO₂(lower alkyl), where n is 0, 1, or 2.

20 The term "halo," "halide" or "halogen," when referring to a substituent means fluoro, chloro, bromo, or iodo (preferably fluoro or chloro).

The term "haloalkyl" means alkyl substituted with one or more same or different halo atoms, e.g., -CH₂Cl, -CF₃, -CH₂CF₃, -CH₂CCl₃, and the like, and further includes those alkyl groups such as perfluoroalkyl in which all alkyl hydrogen atoms are replaced by fluorine atoms.

25 The term "haloalkoxy" means a haloalkyl group as defined above linked through an oxygen atom, e.g., it includes -O-CH₂Cl, -O-CF₃, -O-CH₂CF₃, -O-CH₂CCl₃, and the like.

The term "heteroalkyl" as used herein means an alkyl moiety defined above, wherein one, 30 two or three hydrogen atoms have been replaced with a substituent independently selected from the group consisting of -OR^d, -NR^dR^e, and S(O)_nR^d (where n is an integer from 0 to 2), with the understanding that the point of attachment of the heteroalkyl moiety is through a carbon atom, wherein R^d and R^e are selected from hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl (but not including arylalkyl

or heteroarylalkyl), cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and substituted heterocyclyl, except when R^d is attached to S(O)_nR^d and n is 1 or 2, then R^d is not hydrogen. Additionally, when R^d and R^e are attached to the same nitrogen atom, they may be taken together to form an optionally-substituted heterocyclyl or heteroaryl ring. Representative examples include, but are not limited to, 2-hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxymethylethyl, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl, 1-hydroxymethylethyl, 3-hydroxybutyl, 2,3-dihydroxybutyl, 2-hydroxy-1-methylpropyl, 2-aminoethyl, 3-aminopropyl, 2-methylsulfonylethyl, aminosulfonylmethyl, aminosulfonylethyl, methylaminosulfonylmethyl, methylaminosulfonylethyl, methylaminosulfonylpropyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 2-hydroxymethylethyl, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl, and so forth.

“Heterocyclyl,” “heterocyclyl,” or “heterocyclic” refers to a saturated or partially-unsaturated non-aromatic monocyclic or bicyclic moiety in which one or two ring atoms are heteroatoms selected from N, O, or S(O)_n (where n is an integer from 0 to 2), the remaining ring atoms being carbon atoms, and additionally, one or two carbon atoms may optionally contain a carbonyl oxygen group, e.g., one or two atoms in the ring may be a moiety of the formula -C(=O)-. Thus, the term heterocyclyl includes rings such as tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuryl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolinyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolinyl, and the like. In the case of a bicyclic heterocyclyl, one of the two rings may be a non-aromatic carbocyclic with the point of attachment, however, being to the heterocyclic ring.

A “substituted heterocyclyl” or “substituted heterocycle” refers to a heterocyclyl group as defined above having one, two, or three substituents (preferably one to two substituents) selected from the group consisting of halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro, -Y-R^s, -Y-cycloalkyl, -Y-heterocyclyl, -Y-OR^s, -Y-NR^sR^t, -Y-C(=O)R^s, -Y-C(O)₂R^s, -Y-C(=O)NR^sR^t, -Y-C(O)₂NR^sR^t, -Y-S(O)₀₋₂R^s, -Y-NRS(O)₂R^s, -Y-S(O)₂NR^sR^t, and/or -Y-NRC(=O)NR^sR^t, wherein Y, R, R^s and R^t are as defined above for substituted cycloalkyl groups, such that R^s and R^t are, in turn, at each instance independently optionally substituted with one to two further groups as recited above in the definition for substituted cycloalkyl. Preferred substituents for substituted heterocyclyl groups include -(alkylene)_n-hydroxy, -(alkylene)_n-lower alkoxy, -(alkylene)_n-S(O)₂(lower alkyl), and -(alkylene)_n-CO₂(lower alkyl), where n is 0, 1, or 2.

“Heteroaryl” means a monovalent, monocyclic aromatic moiety of 5 to 6 ring atoms containing one, two, three, or four ring heteroatoms, each independently selected from N, O, or S, the remaining ring atoms being carbon, and it also includes such rings having a second ring fused

thereto of five to six ring atoms, wherein the second fused ring may be aromatic or nonaromatic and may be carbocyclic, heterocyclic, or a heteroaryl ring, with the understanding, however, that in such cases the point of attachment will be to an aromatic ring containing at least one heteroatom. Thus, the term heteroaryl includes, but is not limited to, pyridyl, furyl, thiophenyl, 5 thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, triazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, pyrimidinyl, benzofuryl, isobenzofuryl, benzothiazolyl, benzoisothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl, indolyl, isoindolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzisoxazolyl, benzothiophenyl, dibenzofuran, and benzodiazepin-2-one-5-yl, and derivatives thereof.

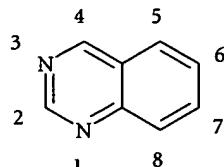
A “substituted heteroaryl” is a heteroaryl ring as defined above having one, two or three 10 (preferably one or two) substituents selected from the group consisting of halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, cyano, nitro, -Y-R^P, -Y-aryl, -Y-heteroaryl, -Y-cycloalkyl, -Y-heterocyclyl, -Y-OR^P, -Y-NR^PR^Q, -Y-C(=O)R^P, -Y-C(O)₂R^P, -Y-C(=O)NR^PR^Q, -Y-C(O)₂NR^PR^Q, -Y-S(O)₀₋₂R^P, -Y-15 NRS(O)₂R^Q, -Y-S(O)₂NR^PR^Q, and/or -Y-NRC(=O)NR^PR^Q, wherein Y, R, R^P and R^Q are as defined above for substituted aryl groups, such that R^P and R^Q are, in turn, at each instance independently 15 optionally substituted with one to two further substituents as recited above in the definition for substituted aryl. Preferred substituents for substituted heteroaryl groups include alkyl, haloalkyl, heterocyclyl, halo, nitro, cyano, and -(alkylene)_n-CO₂R (where n is 0 or 1 and R is hydrogen or alkyl).

“Leaving group” has the meaning conventionally associated with it in synthetic organic 20 chemistry, *i.e.*, an atom or a group capable of being displaced by a nucleophile and includes halo (such as chloro, bromo, and iodo), alkanesulfonyloxy, arenesulfonyloxy, alkylcarbonyloxy (*e.g.*, acetoxy), arylcarbonyloxy, mesyloxy, tosyloxy, trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy, aryloxy (*e.g.*, 2,4-dinitrophenoxy), methoxy, N,O-dimethylhydroxylamino, and the like.

“Optional” or “optionally” means that the subsequently described event may but need not occur, and it includes instances where the event occurs and instances in which it does not. For 25 example, “optionally-substituted cycloalkyl” refers to both cycloalkyl groups and substituted cycloalkyl groups, as defined above. When the term “optionally-substituted” precedes a number of different types of rings in one line or string, *e.g.*, as in “optionally-substituted cycloalkyl or heterocyclyl”, or “optionally-substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,” or “optionally-30 substituted aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, or heterocyclyl,” it is intended that the term “optionally-substituted” modifies each of the rings identified in the line or string.

When the term “optionally-substituted” is used with respect to a particularly-named cyclic group, such as “optionally-substituted cyclohexyl,” or “optionally-substituted piperidinyl,” it should be understood that the optional substituents for such particularly-named rings may be selected from the group of substituents recited above with respect to which the genus of which the 5 particularly-named group is a member. Thus, for example, an “optionally-substituted cyclohexyl” may be an unsubstituted cyclohexyl or a cyclohexyl group having one, two, or three substituents selected from those recited above for substituted cycloalkyl.

When reference is made herein to the C5, C7, or C8 carbon atoms of the quinazoline ring, the numbering of the ring atoms is intended to be as follows:



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“Pharmaceutically acceptable excipient” means an excipient that is useful in preparing a pharmaceutical composition that is generally safe, non-toxic and neither biologically nor otherwise undesirable. The term includes excipients that are acceptable for veterinary use as well as human 15 pharmaceutical use. A “pharmaceutically acceptable excipient” as used in the specification and claims includes both one and more than one such excipient.

“Pharmaceutically acceptable salt” of a compound means a salt that is generally safe, non-toxic and neither biologically nor otherwise undesirable, and which possesses the desired pharmacological activity of the parent compound. Such salts include: (1) acid addition salts, 20 formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, and the like; or formed with organic acids such as acetic acid, propionic acid, hexanoic acid, cyclopentanepropionic acid, glycolic acid, pyruvic acid, lactic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, benzoic acid, 3-(4-hydroxybenzoyl)benzoic acid, cinnamic acid, mandelic acid, methanesulfonic acid, ethanesulfonic acid, 1,2-ethane-disulfonic acid, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, 4-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid, 2-naphthalenesulfonic acid, 4-toluenesulfonic acid, camphorsulfonic acid, 4-methylbicyclo[2.2.2]-oct-2-ene-1 carboxylic acid, glucoheptonic acid, 4,4'-methylenebis-(3-hydroxy-2-ene-1-carboxylic acid), 3-phenylpropionic acid, trimethylacetic acid, tertiary butyl-

acetic acid, lauryl sulfuric acid, gluconic acid, glutamic acid, hydroxynaphthoic acid, salicylic acid, stearic acid, muconic acid, and the like; or (2) salts formed when an acidic proton present in the parent compound either is replaced by a metal ion, *e.g.*, an alkali metal ion, an alkaline earth ion, or an aluminum ion; or coordinates with an organic base such as ethanolamine, diethanol-
5 amine, triethanolamine, N-methylglucamine, and the like.

The terms “pro-drug” and “prodrug” are used interchangeably herein and refer to any compound which releases an active parent drug according to Formula I or II *in vivo* when such prodrug is administered to a mammalian subject. Prodrugs of a compound of Formula I or II are prepared by modifying one or more functional group(s) present in the compound of Formula I or
10 II in such a way that the modification(s) may be cleaved *in vivo* to release the parent compound. Prodrugs include compounds of Formula I or II wherein a hydroxy, amino, or sulfhydryl group in a compound of Formula I or II is bonded to any group that may be cleaved *in vivo* to regenerate the free hydroxyl, amino, or sulfhydryl group, respectively. Examples of prodrugs include, but are
15 not limited to, esters (*e.g.*, acetate, formate, and benzoate derivatives), carbamates (*e.g.*, N,N-di-methylaminocarbonyl) or hydroxy functional groups in compounds of Formula I or II, and the like.

“Protecting group” refers to an atom or group of atoms that is attached to a reactive group in a molecule and masks, reduces, or prevents the reactivity of the group to which it is attached. Examples of protecting groups can be found in Green and Wuts, *Protective Groups in Organic
20 Chemistry* (Wiley, 2nd ed. 1991), and Harrison and Harrison *et al.*, *Compendium of Synthetic Organic Methods*, Vols. 1-8 (John Wiley and Sons, 1971-1996). Representative amino protecting groups include formyl, acetyl, trifluoroacetyl, benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl (CBZ), *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), trimethyl silyl (TMS), 2-trimethylsilyl-ethanesulfonyl (SES), trityl and substituted trityl groups, allyloxycarbonyl, 9-fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl (FMOC), nitro-veratryloxycarbonyl
25 (NVOC), and the like. Representative hydroxy protecting groups include those where the hydroxy group is either acylated or alkylated such as with benzyl or lower alkyl and trityl ethers as well as alkyl ethers, tetrahydropyranyl ethers, trialkylsilyl ethers, and allyl ethers.

“Treating” or “treatment” of a disease includes: (1) preventing the disease, *i.e.*, causing the clinical symptoms of the disease not to develop in a mammal that may be exposed to or pre-disposed to the disease but does not yet experience or display symptoms of the disease; (2)
30 inhibiting the progression of the disease, *i.e.*, arresting or reducing the development of the disease

or its symptoms; and (3) relieving the disease, *i.e.*, causing regression of the disease or its symptoms.

“A therapeutically effective amount” means the amount of a compound that, when administered to a mammal for treating a disease, is sufficient to effect a treatment for the disease.

- 5 The “therapeutically effective amount” will vary depending on such factors as the compound being administered, the type of disease being treated, the progression or severity of the disease state, and the age, weight, and general health of the mammal being treated.

Compounds that have the same molecular formula but differ in the nature or sequence of bonding of their atoms or the arrangement of their atoms in space are termed “isomers.” Isomers

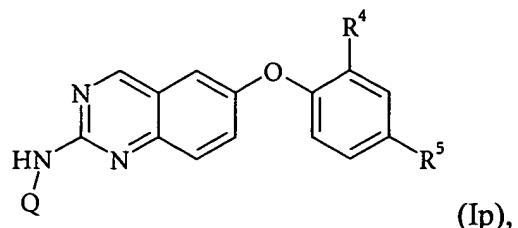
- 10 that differ in the arrangement of their atoms in space are termed “stereoisomers.” Stereoisomers that are not mirror images of one another are termed “diastereomers,” and those that are non-superimposable mirror images of each other are termed “enantiomers.” When a compound has an asymmetric center, for example, if a carbon atom is bonded to four different groups, a pair of enantiomers is possible. An enantiomer can be characterized by the absolute configuration of its
15 asymmetric center and is described by the (R) and (S) sequencing rules of Cahn and Prelog, or by the manner in which the molecule rotates the plane of polarized light and designated as dextrorotatory or levorotatory (*i.e.*, as (+) or (-)-isomers respectively). A chiral compound can exist as either an individual enantiomer or as a mixture thereof. A mixture containing different enantiomers is called a “racemic mixture.”

20 The compounds of this invention may possess one or more asymmetric centers; such compounds can therefore be produced as individual (R)- or (S)-stereoisomers or as mixtures thereof. Unless indicated otherwise, the description or naming of a particular compound in the specification and claims is intended to include both individual enantiomers and mixtures (racemic or otherwise) thereof. The methods for the determination of stereochemistry and the separation of
25 stereoisomers are well-known in the art (*see* March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, Chap. 4, 4th edition, John Wiley and Sons, New York [1992]).

Preferred Embodiments

While the definition of this invention is set forth in the Summary of the Invention, certain compounds of Formula (I) are preferred.

Preferred compounds according to the invention are those having Formula (Ip),



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and isomers, prodrugs, and pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

Q is $-C(R^1R^2R^3)$;

R^1 is selected from hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxyalkyl;

10 R^2 and R^3 are (i) independently selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, and alkyl substituted with one, two or three of $-OR^8$, $-SR^8$, $-S(O)_pR^{10}$, $-C(O)_2R^8$, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and/or substituted heterocyclyl; or (ii) R^2 and R^3 are taken together to form an optionally-substituted non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring;

15 R^4 and R^5 are halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, or trifluoromethoxy;

R^8 and R^9 are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and substituted heterocyclyl;

R^{10} is alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, or substituted heterocyclyl; and p is 1 or 2.

20 More preferred are compounds of Formula (Ip) as immediately defined above, wherein

R^1 is selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are (i) independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, and C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with hydroxy, $-O(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), or $-S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl); or (ii) R^2 and R^3 taken together form a C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or a five to six membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring, wherein each of said

25 rings is optionally-substituted with up to one of R^{12} and/or up to one of R^{14} ;

R^4 and R^5 are both halogen; and

R¹² and R¹⁴ are independently selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxy, oxo (=O), -O(C₁₋₄alkyl), -C(=O)H, -C(=O)(C₁₋₄alkyl), -C(O)₂H, -C(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl), and -S(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl).

In compounds of Formulae (I) and (Ip), preferred compounds are those compounds wherein R¹ is selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄alkyl.

5 In compounds of Formula (I) and (Ip), preferred compounds are those wherein one of R² and R³ is selected from alkyl substituted with one, two or three of -OR⁸, -SR⁸, -C(=O)R⁸, -C(O)₂R, -C(=O)NR⁸R⁹, -S(O)_pR¹⁰, -C(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, -S(O)₂NR⁸R⁹, -NR⁸R⁹, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and/or substituted heterocyclyl (wherein R⁸ and R⁹ are independently selected from alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, and substituted heterocyclyl). A more preferred group of compounds are those wherein R² and R³ are selected from alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, -(C₁₋₄alkylene)-S(O)_pR¹⁰, and -(C₁₋₄alkylene)-C(O)₂R⁸ (wherein R⁸ and R¹⁰ are lower alkyl). Also preferred are those compounds wherein R² and R³ are taken together to form an optionally-substituted C₃₋₇cycloalkyl or an optionally-substituted heterocyclic ring. Within this group of preferred compounds, more preferred are those compounds wherein R² and R³ are taken together to form optionally-substituted cyclohexyl, piperidin-4-yl, or tetrahydropyran-4-yl. Preferably, said cycloalkyl and heterocyclic groups formed by R² and R³ are unsubstituted or substituted with OH, -O(C₁₋₄alkyl), -C(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl) and/or -S(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl), more preferably with one of -C(O)₂(Et) or -S(O)₂(CH₃) .

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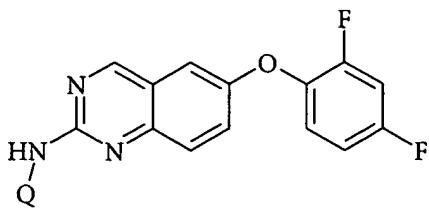
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In compounds of Formula (I) and (Ip), preferably R⁴ and R⁵ are both halogen. More preferred compounds are those wherein R⁴ and R⁵ are both fluoro.

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Still further, combinations of the preferred groups described herein form other preferred embodiments. In this manner, a variety of preferred compounds are embodied within the present invention.

Another group of preferred compounds are those having the formula,



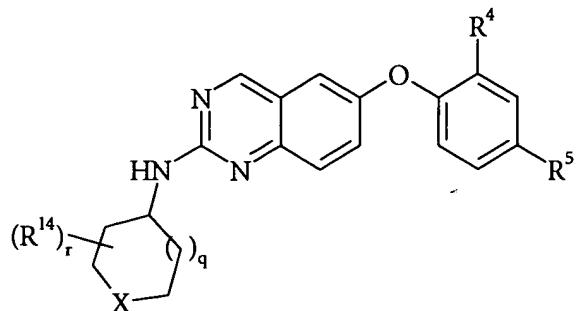
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wherein Q is -C(R¹R²R³); R¹ is selected from hydrogen, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, and alkoxyalkyl; and R² and R³ are (i) independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl,

heterocyclyl, substituted heterocyclyl, and C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with one or two of -OR⁸, -SR⁸, -S(O)_pR¹⁰, -C(O)₂R⁸, -NR⁸R⁹, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl and/or substituted heterocyclyl; or (ii) R² and R³ are taken together to form an optionally-substituted non-aromatic carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

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Another group of preferred compounds are those having the formula:



wherein:

R⁴ and R⁵ are both halogen (more preferably fluoro);

10 X is -O-, -C(=O)-, -N(R^{12a})-, or -CH(R^{12b})-;

R^{12a} is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, -C(=O)R¹⁵, -C(O)₂R¹⁵, and -S(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl);

R^{12b} is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl, -OR¹⁵, -C(=O)R¹⁵, -C(O)₂R¹⁵, and -S(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl);

R¹⁴ is selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxy, oxo (=O), -OR¹⁵, -C(=O)R¹⁵, -C(O)₂R¹⁵, and -S(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl);

15 R¹⁵ is selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₄alkyl;

q is 0 or 1; and

r is 0 or 1.

Even more preferred are compounds as immediately defined above, wherein X is -NR^{12a}-, R^{12a} is S(O)₂(C₁₋₄alkyl), q is 1, and r is 0.

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UTILITY

Compounds of Formulae I and II are useful for the treatment of any disorder or disease state in a human, or other mammal, which is exacerbated or caused by excessive or unregulated proinflammatory cytokines (i.e., TNF, IL-1, etc.), or p38 kinase activation by such mammal.

- 5 Compounds of Formulae I and II inhibit p38 kinase in *in vitro* assays and inhibit TNF- α or IL-1B release in cell based assays.

In view of their activity as inhibitors of p38 kinase, the compounds of the invention are useful for treating inflammatory diseases, autoimmune diseases, destructive bone disorders, proliferative disorders, angiogenic disorders, infectious diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, and 10 viral diseases. Compounds of the invention are useful in treating arthritis, including but not limited to rheumatoid arthritis, spondylitis, gouty arthritis, osteoarthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), juvenile arthritis, and other arthritic conditions. In addition, compounds of the present invention are useful in treating pulmonary disorders or lung inflammation, including adult respiratory distress syndrome, pulmonary sarcoidosis, asthma, silicosis, and chronic 15 obstructive pulmonary disease. Furthermore, compounds of the present invention are useful in treating viral and bacterial infections, including sepsis, septic shock, gram negative sepsis, malaria, meningitis, cachexia secondary to infection or malignancy, cachexia secondary to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS, ARC (AIDS related complex), pneumonia, and herpes virus. Moreover, compounds of the present invention are useful in the treatment of 20 bone resorption diseases, such as osteoporosis, endotoxic shock, toxic shock syndrome, reperfusion injury, autoimmune disease including graft vs. host reaction and allograft rejections, cardiovascular diseases including myocardial infarction, atherosclerosis, thrombosis, congestive heart failure, cardiac reperfusion injury, renal reperfusion injury, liver disease and nephritis, and myalgias due to infection.

25 The compounds of the present invention are also useful for the treatment of influenza, diabetes, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), skin-related conditions such as psoriasis, eczema, burns, dermatitis, keloid formation, and scar tissue formation. Compounds of the present invention are also useful in treating gastrointestinal conditions such as inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, gastritis, irritable bowel syndrome, and ulcerative colitis. The 30 compounds of the present invention can also be used in treating ophthalmic diseases, such as retinitis, retinopathies, uveitis, ocular photophobia, and acute injury to the eye tissue. Compounds

of the invention also would be useful for treatment of cancer and angiogenesis, including neoplasia and metastasis; ophthalmological conditions such as corneal graft rejection, ocular neovascularization, retinal neovascularization including neovascularization following injury or infection, diabetic retinopathy, retrothalamic fibroplasia and neovascular glaucoma; ulcerative diseases such as gastric ulcer; pathological, but non-malignant conditions such as hemangiomas, including infantile hemangiomas, angiofibroma of the nasopharynx and avascular necrosis of bone; diabetic nephropathy and cardiomyopathy; and disorders of the female reproductive system such as endometriosis.

The compounds of the present invention are also useful in treating central nervous system disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, and depression.

In addition, compounds of the present invention are also useful for preventing the production of cyclooxygenase-2 and thus are useful in treating those diseases responsive to inhibition of COX-2, such as fever, edema, and pain, including headache, neuromuscular pain, dental pain, arthritic pain and pain caused by cancer.

Besides being useful for human treatment, compounds of the present invention are also useful for veterinary treatment of animals such as companion, exotic, and farm animals, including mammals, rodents, and the like. More preferred animals include horses, dogs, and cats.

Furthermore, compounds of the present invention can be used in co-therapies, partially or completely, in place of other conventional antiinflammatory agents, such as together with steroids, cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors, NSAIDs, aspirin, DMARDs, immunosuppressive agents, 5-lipoxygenase inhibitors, LTB₄ antagonists and LTA₄ hydrolase inhibitors.

As used herein, the term "TNF mediated disorder" refers to any and all disorders and disease states in which TNF plays a role, either by control of TNF itself, or by TNF causing another monokine to be released, such as but not limited to IL-1, IL-6 or IL-8. A disease state in which, for instance, IL-1 is a major component, and whose production or action, is exacerbated or secreted in response to TNF, would therefore be considered a disorder mediated by TNF.

As used herein, the term "p38 mediated disorder" refers to any and all disorders and disease states in which p38 plays a role, either by control of p38 itself, or by p38 causing another factor to be released, such as but not limited to IL-1, IL-6 or IL-8. A disease state in which, for instance, IL-1 is a major component, and whose production or action is exacerbated or secreted in response to p38, would therefore be considered a disorder mediated by p38.

As TNF- β has close structural homology with TNF- α (also known as cachectin), and since each induces similar biologic responses and binds to the same cellular receptor, the synthesis of both TNF- α and TNF- β are inhibited by the compounds of the present invention. When reference herein is made generally to "TNF" inhibition, this is intended to encompass both TNF- α and TNF- β inhibition, unless specifically delineated otherwise.

Abbreviations

For ease of reference, the following abbreviations are used in the general synthetic schemes and Examples below:

EtOH = ethanol

10 MeOH = methanol

EtOAc = ethyl acetate

DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane

DCM = dichloromethane

DMF = dimethylformamide

15 NaOH = sodium hydroxide

NMP = 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone

TEA or Et₃N = triethylamine

TFA = trifluoroacetic acid

THF = tetrahydrofuran

20 Mp = melting point

MW = molecular weight

h = hour(s)

rt. = room temperature

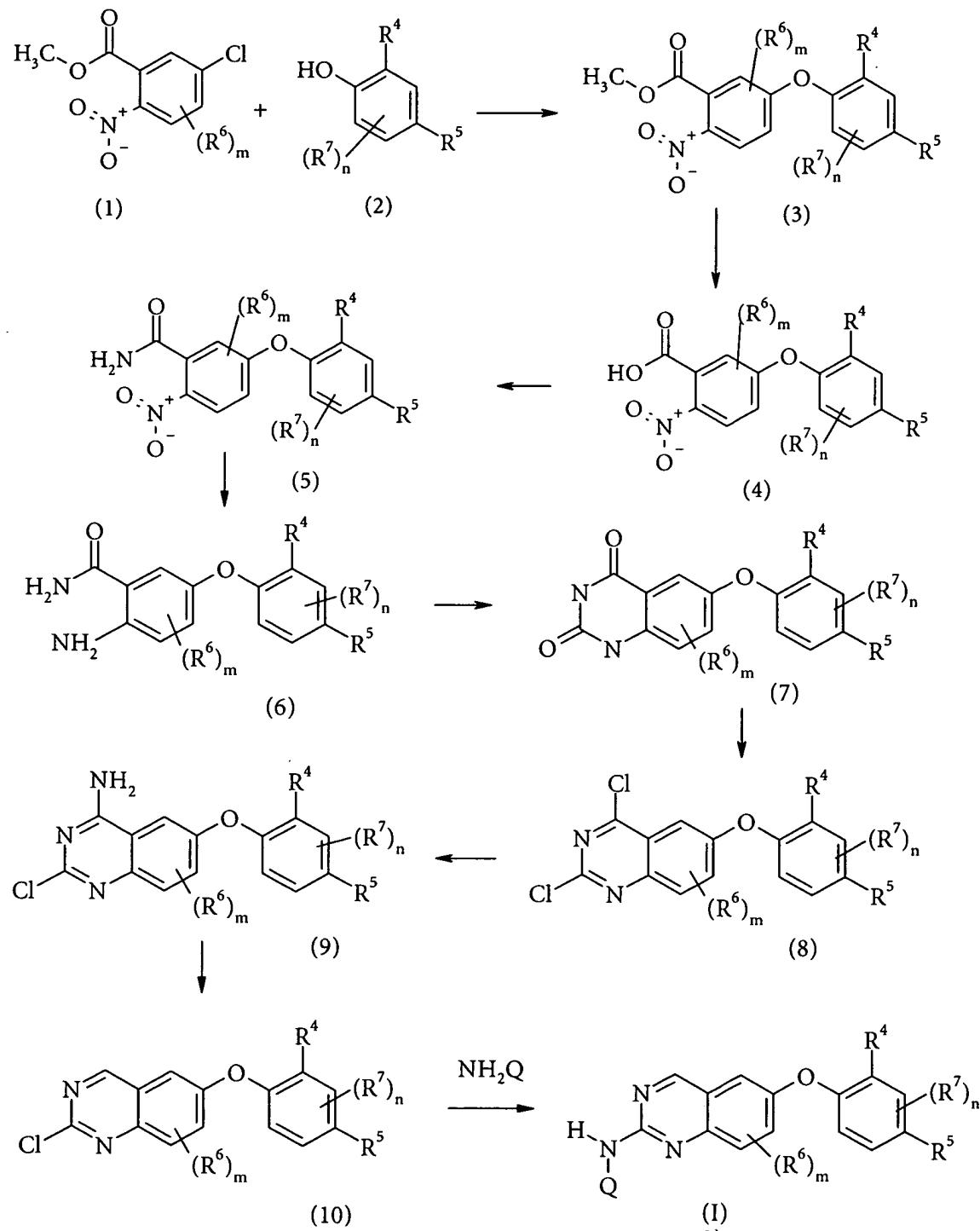
25 GENERAL SYNTHETIC SCHEMES

The compounds of the present invention can be prepared in a number of ways known to one skilled in the art. Preferred methods include, but are not limited to, the general synthetic procedures described below. These schemes are merely illustrative. Various modifications to these schemes can be made and will be apparent to one skilled in the art.

30 The starting materials and reagents used are either available from commercial suppliers such as Aldrich Chemical Co. (Milwaukee, Wis., USA), Bachem (Torrance, Calif., USA), Enika

Chemie or Sigma (St. Louis, Mo., USA), Maybridge (Dist: Ryan Scientific, P.O. Box 6496, Columbia, S.C. 92960), etc.; or they can be prepared by methods known to those skilled in the art following procedures set forth in the literature. The starting materials and the intermediates of the reaction may be isolated and purified if desired using conventional techniques, including but not limited to filtration, distillation, crystallization, chromatography, and the like. Such materials may be characterized using conventional means, including physical constants and spectral data. In the Schemes, the variables Q, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, etc., are defined as set forth in the Summary of Invention and claims.

General Scheme 1:



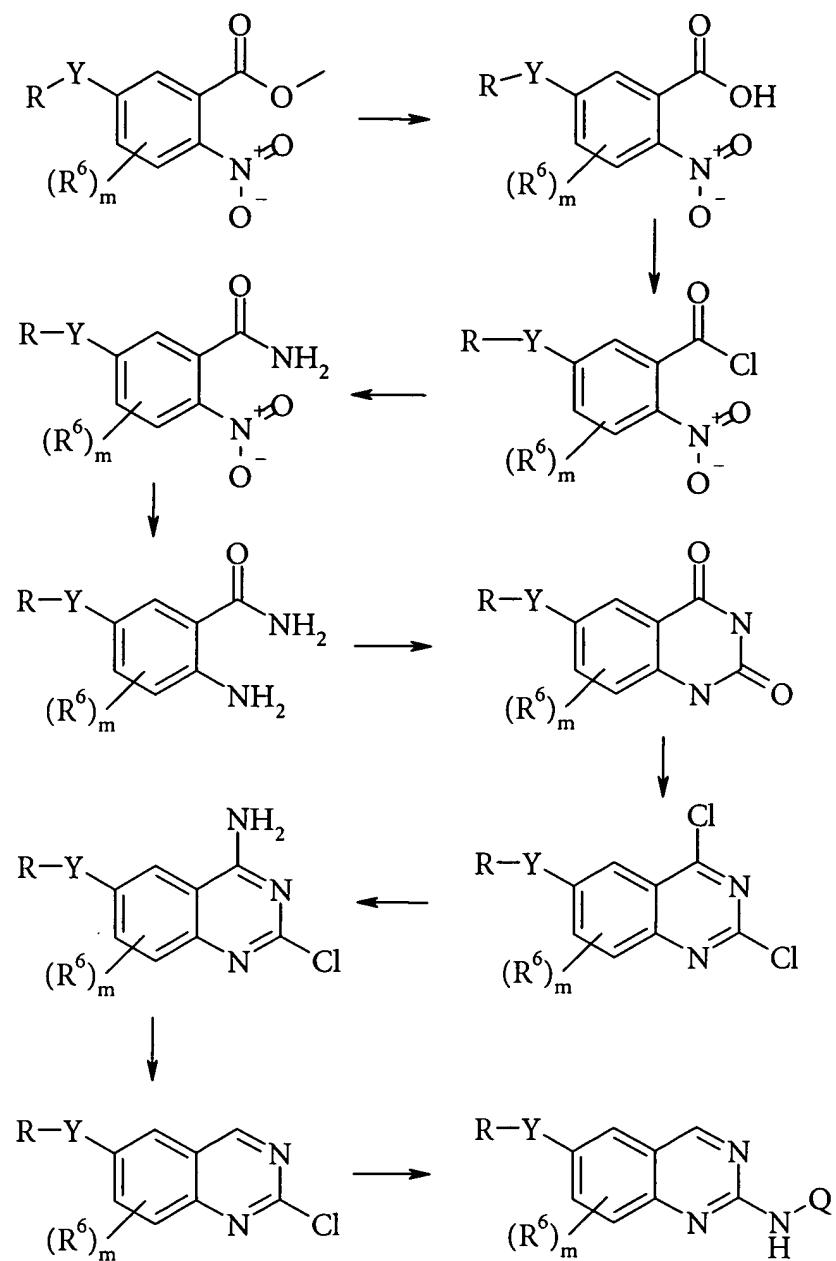
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Methyl 5-chloro-2-nitrobenzoate (1) is reacted with an appropriately-substituted phenol (2) and base such as potassium carbonate in a solvent such as NMP to form the corresponding

phenoxy-2-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester (3). Compound (3) is hydrolyzed upon treatment with basic solution such as NaOH in water/MeOH to provide benzoic acid (4). Benzoic acid (4) is treated with thionyl chloride in solvent such as DMF to provide an intermediate acid chloride, which upon treatment with NH₄OH in solvent such as THF provides benzamide (5). The nitro-benzamide (5) can be hydrogenated in solvent such as EtOH to provide amino-benzamide (6).

Amino-benzamide (6) can be cyclized to provide quinazoline-2,4-dione (7) upon treatment with urea in solvent such as NMP. Compound (7) can be treated with N,N-diethylaniline and POCl₃ to give 2,4-dichloroquinazoline (8), which, when treated with NH₃ in a solvent such as MeOH provides compound (9). Compound (9) can be reacted with t-butyl nitrite in THF to provide compound (10) which, when coupled with an appropriate amine NH₂Q, *e.g.*, in NMP, affords compounds of Formula (I).

General Scheme 2:

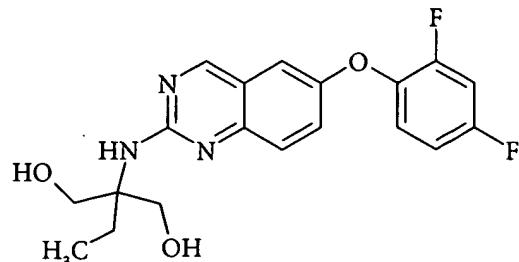


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Compounds having formula (II) are prepared as shown in Scheme 2, following the same general methodology as described above for Scheme 1.

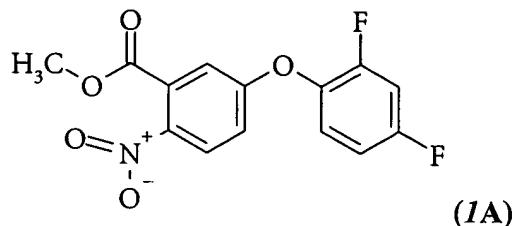
Example 1

2-[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-ylamino]-2-ethyl-propane-1,3-diol



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1A. 5-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester



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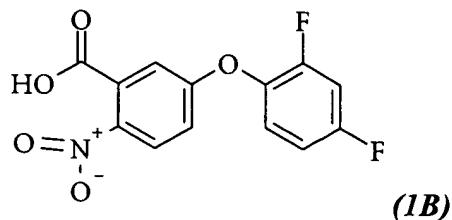
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Methyl 5-chloro-2-nitrobenzoate (73 g, 0.34 mol), 2,4-difluorophenol (51.1 g, 0.39 mol) and potassium carbonate (73 g, 0.53 mol) in NMP (200 mL) were stirred at 160 °C for 2h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature poured into water (250 mL) and extracted into EtOAc (2x100 mL). The organic layer was washed several times with water, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with hexane: EtOAc (95:5) to yield 66.8 g of 5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester (1A).

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1B. 5-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-nitro-benzoic acid

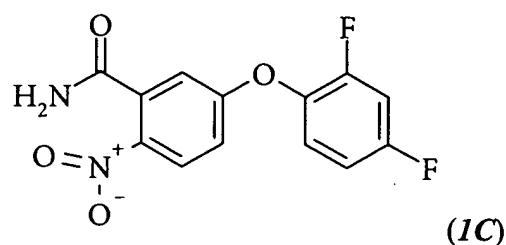
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(1B)

To a solution of compound (**1A**) (66 g, 0.21 mol) in water/MeOH (180/180 mL) was added NaOH (27 g, 0.68 mol), and the mixture was heated to reflux for 2h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was acidified with 10% HCl and extracted into EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated *in vacuo*, and crystallized from ether/ hexane to afford 53 g of 5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-nitro-benzoic acid (**1B**).
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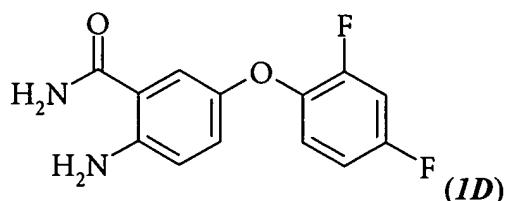
1C. 5-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-2-nitro-benzamide



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A mixture of compound (**1B**) (53 g, 0.18 mol), thionyl chloride (51.3 mL) and DMF (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 18h, then concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. This acid chloride (60.7 g) was dissolved in THF (400 mL), and NH₄OH (235 mL) was added. The mixture was then stirred for 18 h and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with hexane:EtOAc (4:1) to afford 27.7 g of 5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-nitro-benzamide (**1C**).
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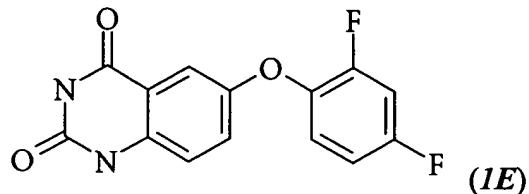
1D. 2-Amino-5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzamide



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To compound (**1C**) (27 g, 0.09 mol) in EtOH was added palladium on activated carbon (2.7 g), and the mixture was stirred under hydrogen for 18h. The suspension was filtered through celite and the filtrate concentrated and dried *in vacuo* to yield 23 g of 2-amino-5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-benzamide (**1D**).
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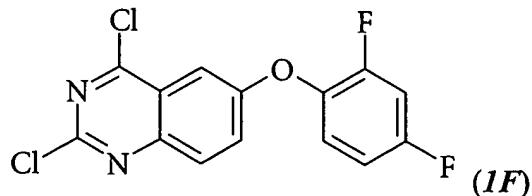
*1E. 6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-1*H*-quinazoline-2,4-dione*



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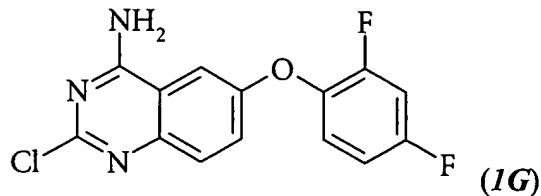
Compound **(1D)** (23 g, 0.09 mol) and urea (25.42 g, 0.41 mol) in NMP (150 mL) were heated to 170°C for 18h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water (200 mL) and stirred for 1h. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried to afford 22.7 g of 6-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-1*H*-quinazoline-2,4-dione (**1E**).

10 *1F. 2,4-Dichloro-6-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazoline*



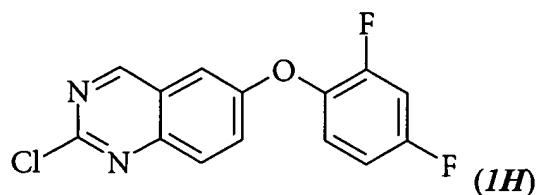
15 Compound **(1E)** (22.6 g, 0.08 mol), N,N-diethylaniline (7.2 mL) and POCl₃ (248 mL) were heated at 120°C for 4h. After cooling to room temperature, the excess POCl₃ was evaporated, and the residue was made basic with 10% NaHCO₃ and extracted into EtOAc (2×100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography (silica gel, hexane: EtOAc, 4:1) giving 21.1 g of 2,4-dichloro-6-(2,4-difluorophenoxy)-quinazoline (**1F**).

20 *1G. 2-Chloro-6-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-4-ylamine*



Compound (**1F**) (21 g, 0.06 mol) was suspended in ammonia (100 mL of 2.0 M solution in MeOH) and the solution formed after 30 min was stirred at room temperature for 18h. The precipitate was filtered, the concentrated filtrate triturated with EtOAc, and the organic layers were combined to yield 21.5 g of 2-chloro-6-(2,4-difluorophenoxy)-quinazolin-4-ylamine (**1G**).

5 **IH.** 2-Chloro-6-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazoline

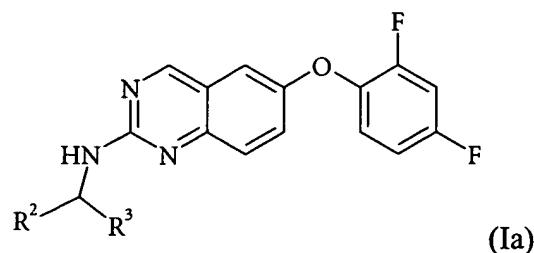


Compound (**1G**) (21 g, 0.07 mol) was dissolved in THF (200 mL) and the solution added 10 dropwise to a solution of t-butyl nitrite (16.5 mL, 0.14 mol) in THF (100 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux for 4h, and after cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc (2x100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography (silica gel, hexane: EtOAc, 4:1) giving 9.05 g of 2-chloro-6-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazoline 15 (**1H**).

II. 2-[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-ylamino]-2-ethyl-propane-1,3-diol (Example 1)

Compound (**1G**) (250 mg, 0.85 mmol) and 2-amino-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol (298 mg, 2.5 mmol) in NMP (0.25 mL) were stirred at 120°C for 4h. After cooling to room temperature, the 20 reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc (2x25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂: MeOH, 95:5) to afford 150 mg of the above-titled compound (Example 1). Mp = 110-112.9°C. MW (M+H)⁺ = 376.

Examples 2-5



- Compounds having the Formula I(a) above, wherein R² and R³ have the values set forth in Tables 1 and 2, were prepared following the same or similar method as described above for
- 5 Example 1, except the appropriate amine was used in place of 2-amino-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol in Step 1I.

Table 1

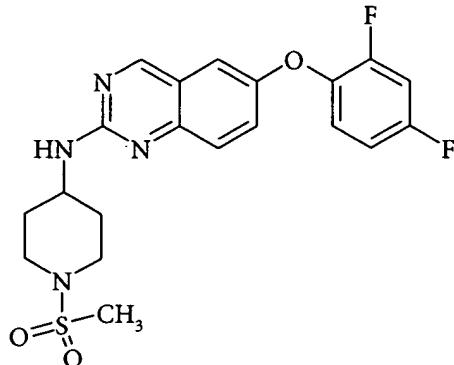
Ex. No.	R ²	R ³	Compound Name	Mp (°C)	MW
2	-CH ₃	-CH ₃	6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-yl]-isopropyl)-amine	160-162.6	315.32
3	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	3-[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-ylamino]-pentane-1,5-diol	112.9-113.6	375.37

Table 2

Ex. No.	R ²	R ³	Compound Name	Mp (°C)	MW
4	-H		3-[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-ylamino]-propane-1,2-diol	161.5-162.7	347.32
5	-H		6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-yl]-2-methanesulfonyl-ethyl)-amine	160.1-161.5	379.39

Example 6

6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-yl]-1-methanesulfonyl-piperidin-4-yl)-amine



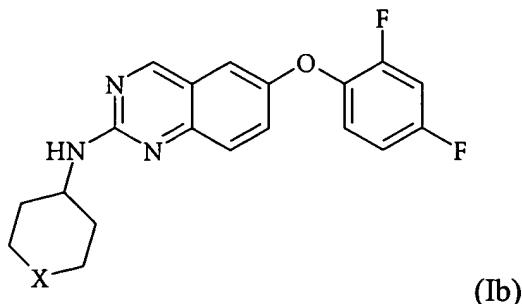
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2-Chloro-6-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazoline (250 mg, 0.85 mmol) (compound **I**, prepared as described in Example 1, steps A-H), and 1-(methylsulfonyl) piperidin-4-amine (228 mg, 1.25 mmol) in NMP (0.25 mL) were stirred at 120°C for 18h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc (2×25 mL).

- 10 The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography (silica gel, hexane:EtOAc, 1:1) to afford 105 mg of the above-titled Example 6. Mp = 173.9-177.1°C, MW (M+H)⁺ = 435.

Examples 7-10

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(Ib)

Compounds having the Formula (Ib) above, wherein X has the values set forth in Table 3, were prepared following the same or similar method as described above for Example 6, except the 20 appropriately-substituted amine was used in place of 1-(methylsulfonyl) piperidin-4-amine.

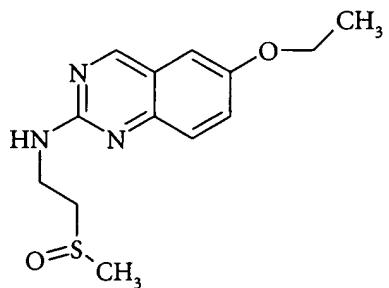
Table 3

Ex. No.	X	Compound Name	Mp (°C)	MW
7	-O-	[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-yl]-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-amine	179-180.9	357.36
8		4-[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-ylamino]-cyclohexanol	176.2-176.8	371.39
9		4-[6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-ylamino]-piperidine-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester	154.1-155.0	428.44
10	-N(H)-	6-(2,4-Difluoro-phenoxy)-quinazolin-2-yl]-piperidin-4-yl-amine	163.0-165.3	356.37

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Example 11

(6-Ethoxy-quinazolin-2-yl)-(2-methanesulfinyl-ethyl)-amine

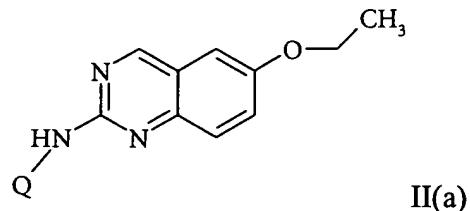


2-Chloro-6-ethoxy-quinazoline (500 mg, 2.4 mmol) and 2-methylsulfanyl-ethylamine (0.67 mL, 7.25 mmol) in NMP (0.5 mL) were stirred at 80°C for 18h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with EtOAc (2x25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was dissolved in DCM (5 mL) and cooled in an ice bath. 3-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (911 mg, 5.2 mmol) was then added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5h, diluted with EtOAc (15 mL), washed with 5% NaHCO₃ (10 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, and evaporated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by chromatography (silica gel, first EtOAc 100%, then

$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2:\text{MeOH}$ [95:5]) to afford 250 mg of the above titled Example 11. $M_p = 152.7\text{-}154.6^\circ\text{C}$,
MW $(M+\text{H})^+ = 280$.

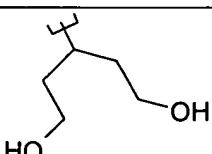
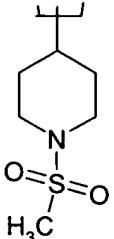
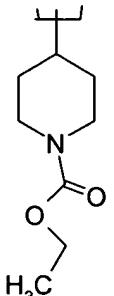
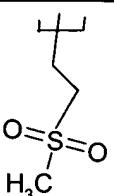
Examples 12-15

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Compounds having the Formula II(a) above, wherein Q has the values set forth in Table 4,
were prepared following the same or similar method as described above for Example 11, except
10 the appropriate amine was used in place of 2-methylsulfanyl-ethylamine.

Table 4

Ex. No.	X	Compound Name	Mp (°C)	MW
12		3-(6-Ethoxy-quinazolin-2-ylamino)-pentane-1,5-diol		291
13		(6-Ethoxy-quinazolin-2-yl)-(1-methanesulfonylpiperidin-4-yl)-amine	168.0-173	350.44
14		4-(6-Ethoxy-quinazolin-2-ylamino)piperidine-1-carboxylic acid ethyl ester	164.4-165.0	345
15		(6-Ethoxy-quinazolin-2-yl)-(2-methanesulfonyethyl)-amine		296

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Example 16

The following are representative pharmaceutical formulations containing a compound of Formula (I) or (II).

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Tablet formulation

The following ingredients are mixed intimately and pressed into single scored tablets.

Ingredient tablet, mg	Quantity per
compound of this invention	400
5 cornstarch	50
croscarmellose sodium	25
lactose	120
magnesium stearate	5

Capsule formulation

The following ingredients are mixed intimately and loaded into a hard-shell gelatin capsule.

Ingredient capsule, mg	Quantity per
compound of this invention	200
15 lactose, spray-dried	148
magnesium stearate	2

Suspension formulation

The following ingredients are mixed to form a suspension for oral administration.

Ingredient	Amount
compound of this invention	1.0 g
fumaric acid	0.5 g
sodium chloride	2.0 g
methyl paraben	0.15 g
25 propyl paraben	0.05 g
granulated sugar	25.5 g
Sorbitol (70% solution)	12.85 g
Veegum K (Vanderbilt Co.)	1.0 g
flavoring	0.035 ml
30 colorings	0.5 mg
distilled water	q.s. to 100 ml

Injectable formulation

The following ingredients are mixed to form an injectable formulation.

Ingredient	Amount
compound of this invention	0.2 g
5 sodium acetate buffer solution, 0.4 M	2.0 ml
HCl (1N) or NaOH (1N)	q.s. to suitable pH
water (distilled, sterile)	q.s. to 20 ml

All of the above ingredients, except water, are combined and heated to 60-70°C with stirring. A
10 sufficient quantity of water at 60 °C is then added with vigorous stirring to emulsify the ingredients,
and water then added q.s. to 100 g.

Suppository formulation

A suppository of total weight 2.5 g is prepared by mixing the compound of the invention with
Witepsol® H-15 (triglycerides of saturated vegetable fatty acid; Riches-Nelson, Inc., New York), and
15 has the following composition:

compound of the invention	500 mg
Witepsol® H-15	balance

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Example 17

Inhibition of p-38 (MAP) Kinase-*In Vitro* Assay

The p-38 MAP kinase inhibitory activity of compounds of this invention *in vitro* was determined by measuring the transfer of the γ -phosphate from $\gamma^{33}\text{P}$ -ATP by p-38 kinase to Myelin Basic Protein (MBP), using the a minor modification of the method described in Ahn *et al.*, *J. of Biol. Chem.*, Vol. **266** (7), 4220-4227 (1991).

The phosphorylated form of the recombinant p38 MAP kinase was expressed with SEK-1 and MEKK in E. Coli (see Khokhlatchev *et al.*, *J. of Biol. Chem.* Vol. **272**(17), at pp. 11057-11062 (1997)), and then purified by affinity chromatography using a Nickel column.

The phosphorylated p38 MAP kinase was diluted in kinase buffer (20 mM 3-(N-morpholino)propanesulfonic acid, pH 7.2, 25 mM β -glycerol phosphate, 5 mM ethylene glycol-bis(beta-aminoethyl ether)-N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic acid, 1mM sodium vanadate, 1mM dithiothreitol,

40mM magnesium chloride). Test compound dissolved in DMSO or only DMSO (control) was added, and the samples were incubated for 10 min. at 30°C. The kinase reaction was initiated by the addition of a substrate cocktail containing MBP and γ -³³P-ATP. After incubating for an additional 20 min. at 30°C, the reaction was terminated by adding 0.75% phosphoric acid. The 5 phosphorylated MBP was then separated from the residual γ -³³P-ATP using a phosphocellulose membrane (Millipore, Bedfrod, MA) and quantitated using a scintillation counter (Packard, Meriden, CT).

The compounds described in the Examples herein were tested in the above assay and found to have a measurable level of p38 inhibitory activity. As an illustration, Table 5 below lists 10 approximate p38 inhibitory activities of certain compounds according to the invention (expressed as IC₅₀, the concentration causing 50% inhibition of the p38 enzyme being analyzed).

Table 5

Ex. No.	IC₅₀	Ex. No.	IC₅₀
1	<.10	6	<.001
2	<.03	8	<.03
4	<2	12	>10
5	\approx 2		

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